

**Assembly Bill No. 2057**

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Passed the Assembly    August 30, 1996

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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Passed the Senate    August 27, 1996

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This bill was received by the Governor this \_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 1996, at \_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_M.

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*Private Secretary of the Governor*

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

An act to amend Section 1547 of the Penal Code, relating to crimes, and making an appropriation therefor.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2057, K. Murray. Crimes: places of worship.

Existing law authorizes the Governor to offer a reward of not more than \$50,000, payable out of the General Fund, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons who have committed any of several specified crimes.

This bill would authorize the Governor to offer a reward of not more than \$100,000, payable out of the General Fund, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person who commits arson upon a place of worship, thereby making an appropriation.

Appropriation: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 1547 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

1547. (a) The Governor may offer a reward of not more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), payable out of the General Fund, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any of the following:

(1) Any convict who has escaped from a state prison, prison camp, prison farm, or the custody of any prison officer or employee or as provided in Section 3059 or 4530.

(2) Any person who has committed, or is charged with the commission of, an offense punishable by death.

(3) Any person engaged in the robbery or hijacking of, or any attempt to rob or hijack, any person upon or in charge of, in whole or in part, any public conveyance engaged at the time in carrying passengers within this state.

(4) Any person who attempts to murder either in the first or second degree, assaults with a deadly weapon, or



inflicts serious bodily harm upon a peace officer or firefighter who is acting in the line of duty.

(5) Any person who has committed a crime involving the burning or bombing of public or private property, including any public hospital housed in a privately owned facility.

(6) Any person who has committed a crime involving the burning or bombing of any private hospital. A reward may be offered by the Governor in conjunction with such a crime only if a reward in conjunction with the same crime is offered by the hospital, or any other public or private donor on its behalf. The amount of the reward offered by the Governor shall not exceed the aggregate amount offered privately, or fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), whichever is less. Nothing in this paragraph shall preclude a private hospital, or any public or private donor on its behalf, from offering a reward in an amount exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). If a person providing information for a reward under this paragraph so requests, his or her name and address shall remain confidential. This confidentiality, however, shall not preclude or obstruct the investigations of law enforcement authorities.

(7) Any person who commits a violation of Section 11413.

(8) Any person who commits a violation of Section 207.

(9) Any person who has committed a crime involving the burning or bombing of any bookstore or public or private library not subject to Section 11413. A reward may be offered by the Governor in conjunction with such a crime only if a reward in conjunction with the same crime is offered by the bookstore or library, or any other public or private donor on its behalf. The amount of the reward offered by the Governor shall not exceed the aggregate amount offered privately, or fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), whichever is less. Nothing in this paragraph shall preclude a bookstore or public or private library, or any public or private donor on its behalf, from offering a reward in an amount exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). If a person providing information for a reward

under this paragraph so requests, his or her name and address shall remain confidential. This confidentiality, however, shall not preclude or obstruct the investigations of law enforcement authorities.

(10) Any person who commits a violation of Section 454 or 463.

(11) Any person who willfully and maliciously sets fire to, or who attempts to willfully and maliciously set fire to, any property that is included within a hazardous fire area designated by the State Board of Forestry pursuant to Section 4252 of the Public Resources Code or by the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Section 4253 of the Public Resources Code, if the fire, or attempt to set a fire, results in death or great bodily injury to anyone, including fire protection personnel, or if the fire causes substantial structural damage.

(12) Any person who has committed, or is charged with the commission of, a felony that is punishable under Section 422.75 and that resulted in serious bodily injury or in property damage of more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

(13) Any person who commits an act that violates Section 11411, if the Governor determines that the act is one in a series of similar or related acts committed in violation of that section by the same person or group.

(b) The Governor may offer a reward of not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person who kills a peace officer or firefighter who is acting in the line of duty.

(c) The Governor may offer a reward of not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), payable out of the General Fund, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person who commits arson upon a place of worship.

(d) The reward shall be paid to the person giving the information, immediately upon the conviction of the person so arrested.

(e) As used in this section, “hijacking” means an unauthorized person causing, or attempting to cause, by

violence or threat of violence, a public conveyance to go to an unauthorized destination.



Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 1996

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*Governor*

